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Honduras' President Manuel Zelaya, top right, gestures after posing for the official photo of the 39th General Assembly of the Organization of American States, OAS, in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Tuesday, June 2, 2009. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is back left, front right is Paraguay's President Fernando Lugo and front left is.

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SHARAPOVA SHUTDOWN



Russia's Maria Sharapova reacts after being defeated by Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova during their quarter final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday June 2, 2009.

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Marriott donates furniture to Stichting Thuiszorg Aruba



PALM BEACH - On Tuesday morning, June 2 the Stellaris Casino General Manager Peter Keijzer, along with some Marriott associates working in the Accounting department paid a visit to the brand new day care home of Stichting Thuiszorg Aruba (STA) in Jaburibari to

donate teak furniture that was no longer being used on the balconies of the hotel's most luxurious suites.

Director of STA, Rufina Tromp, received the furniture that will find a second life on the spacious porch of the new facility for elderly on the island who need special



care. Since STA moved in very recently into their new home in Jaburibari they are welcoming all the help and donations they can get. Bon Bini Cargo volunteered with the transportation of the sets of tables and chairs, and even some lounge beds, from the Marriott hotel in Palm Beach to STA

At the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort

Raymond & Sandra Burgess honored by Aruba

EAGLE BEACH - Recently at the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort, vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort they call their home away from home. Raymond & Sandra Burgess were honored as an Ambassador of Goodwill after visiting Aruba for 34 years. Mrs. Sandra commented that back home they made an



jacuzzi with beautiful Aruba's painting and in front they print Bon Bini Aruba.

Picture Mr. Ricardo Croes & Kimberly Giel from ATA together with Raymond &

Sandra and also Janine & Ricardo from the Amsterdam Manor Resort. □

In Chino Latino tonight

“Untouchables” launch array of Latin Music tonight



PALM BEACH – One of Aruba’s most popular bands The Untouchables will turn up the Latin dancing tonight at Chino Latino with International Latin music: Salsa, Merengue and Reggaeton. Lead singer Czar Olarte keeps the dancers out on the floor by singing some of the best Latin music on the charts.

Although most of the patrons tonight will be amateur dancers, you’ll be surprised how amazing they look on the dance floor. It even gets better when some professional dancers join in the mix to

really liven things up. Even if you’ve never danced before, put on your dancing shoes for the time of your life.

Chino Latino recently opened in the beginning of the year and has evolved into one of

the hottest bar and eateries on Palm Beach located in The Village across from the Radisson Resort. Besides the great dancing, fabulous cocktails and ambience, Chino Latino has fantastic food! □



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Hurricane season kicks off

WILLEMSTAD--The Atlantic Hurricane Season 2009 started yesterday, Monday with meteorologists expecting an average number of tropical storms and hurricanes, says the Meteorological Service of the Netherlands Antilles.

These expectations of the Colorado State University as well as the American Meteorology National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are based on the seawater temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, the El Niño phenomenon, the air pressure division and the related trade winds above the Atlantic Ocean.

The predictions, of course, do not indicate when and where the expected storms will develop, nor in which direction they might move. The local authorities and the population of the islands are therefore advised to prepare far in advance in case storm warnings are issued.

The hurricane season for the Atlantic hurricane territory (North Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico) starts on June 1. On November 30 the season will officially come to a close.

The number of tropical cyclones that developed last year in this region included 16 tropical storms and eight hurricanes -of which five were intense-, which was 64 per cent higher than the annual average (11 tropical storms and six hurricanes; two intense).

The most important system that influenced the weather to a major degree last year

on the ABC- as well as the Windward Islands was Omar. The shortest distance between the centre of this system and the ABC-Islands was 180 kilometres, and for the Windward Islands approximately 105 kilometres.

Omar had an unusually immense wind field south of the centre, which led to powerful Southwest winds over the ABC-Islands with peaks to tropical storm force. These then led to a rough sea, which caused problems especially along the South- and West coasts of Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao on October 14 and 15. The heavy rainfall that came with Omar caused substantial local flooding.

On the Windward Islands, tropical storm wind speeds were measured, with peaks to hurricane force. St. Maarten suffered substantial coastal damage as a result of Omar's passage as a hurricane.

The names for tropical cyclones in the Atlantic Hurricane belt which will be applied this year are:

Ana,
Bill,
Claudette,
Danny,
Erika,
Fred,
Grace,
Henri,
Ida,
Joaquin,
Kate,
Larry,
Mindy,
Nicholas,
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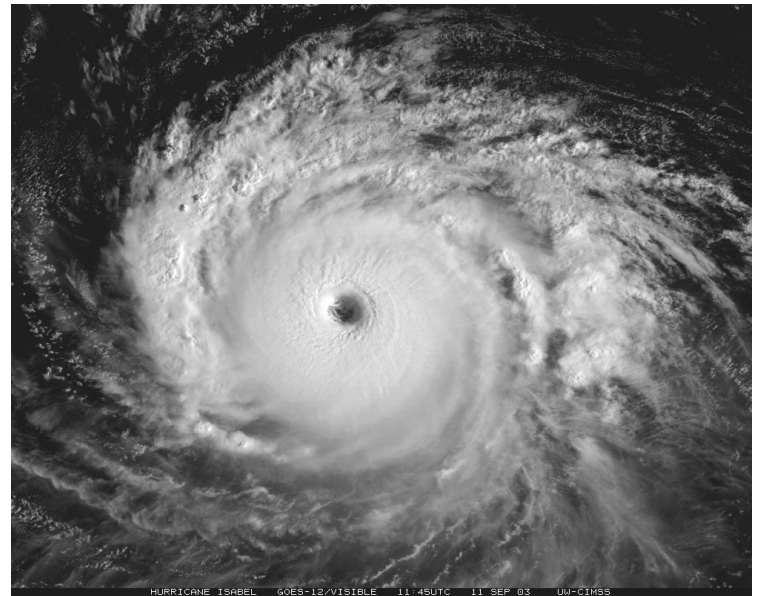
Sam,
Teresa,
Victor
Wanda.

These names are identical to those of 2003, with the exception of Fred, Ida and Joaquin.

Fred replaces Fabian, which ravaged Bermuda in September 2003, and Ida will take the place of Isabel, which caused 16 casualties and significant damage in the American state North Carolina, just a few days after Fabian. Hurricane Juan reached the coast of the Canadian province Nova Scotia towards the end of September 2003 and was responsible for four casualties, considerable damage to houses, the falling out of electricity and blown-down trees.

As of this year, the Meteorological Service of the Netherlands Antilles will distribute special bulletins for weather situations which are unusual, can cause inconvenience or concern and are not well explained in a general weather forecast. The Meteorological Service will also present a monthly overview on tropical cyclone activities during the hurricane season.

It is now possible to view the latest weather forecasts and radar images via mobile phone on <http://www.weather.an/mobile> ☐



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Launch of New Uniforms For Post Aruba Personnel



ORANJESTAD - Changes are necessary not only to maintain an innovative image in the market, but as well to renovate the image of a company. Sharing that philosophy Post

Aruba N.V. launches their new uniforms on June 1, 2009.

The new implementation is applicable to all four and in the near future five offices belonging to the company. This change was brought about as a result of a continued desire in providing excellence in delivery and performance.

This will give to the employees a renovated look, with the appropriate and comfortable fabric for the Delivery People and the Packing Department and elegant for the Counter Department and the Administrative Department.

The different vivid colors also represent the image of Post Aruba and the pleasure and joy that our employees

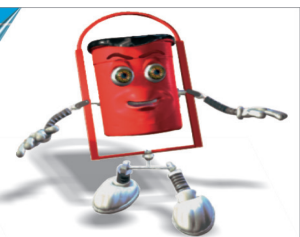
have to help our clients at all times. The priority of these new uniforms is to get the professional look, which is very important because represents the first impression of every company. This as well invites the customer to try the products and services of a company.

In order to progress, positive change are sometimes necessary to reach the main goal, which is provide excellence on products and services to the community and companies. Therefore, the public can expect to continue seeing further improvements in the mission of Post Aruba, to be among the best in the industry as time goes by. □



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Wedding bliss at Moby Dick's last night



PASEO HERENCIA MALL – Jeannie and Rich Donovan from Ft. Myers, Florida celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary last night at Moby Dick's Seafood Restaurant. Jeannie is a Real Estate Agent and Rich an environmentalist, decided to come to Aruba to celebrate this once in a life-time event. The Donovan's are guests of the Holiday Inn Resort and love the great seafood at Moby Dick's.

Lisa and Ari Kirsch were Married last week and are currently celebrating their honeymoon at the Divi Resort. Lisa and Ari love Moby Dick's so much, that this is their second dinner this week and the week just got started. The Kirsch's are from Connecticut and this is the first time to Aruba, but definitely not the last.

Kerri and Marc Cornella are visiting Aruba from New Jersey and staying at the Radisson Resort. They loved the hospitality and great fish at Moby Dick's. They are pictured with Restaurant Owner Lus Marina Reeve and Professional Flaminco Dancer "La Tita".

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Goedecke Aruba N.V. and Aruba Active Vacations Contributing to a Clean Aruba

ORANJESTAD - VACATIONS joins the Historically Aruba has had an ongoing challenge with litter, but thanks to the contribution of several local companies who have supported the "Adopt a trashcan" project, the problem has received more attention and focus. GOEDECKE ARUBA NV and ARUBA ACTIVE

VACATIONS joins the family that is determined to make the difference and "adopts" a double trashcan placing it at the Fisherman's Huts. A popular site for those who practice the sport of kite-surfing and also where the International Aruba Hi-Winds Competition is held every year. A place we all should

definitely protect and keep clean.

By adopting the double-trashcan GOEDECKE ARUBA NV and ARUBA ACTIVE VACATIONS are contributing enormously in protecting and maintaining the beach clean for Aruba's visitors. Clean Master applauds GOEDECKE ARUBA NV and ARUBA ACTIVE VACATIONS initiative to adopt a trashcan and show that they want to not only say that there is a problem but also do something about it.

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EAGLE BEACH – The Aruban Resort & Casino together with Emergency Response Brigade Aruba Foundation (ERBA), organized a First Aid/ CPR/ AED course for their employees. Nine employees attended and successfully completed the full course. The course instructor, Mr. Jose de Canha, has many years of experience in this area.

The course covered several important topics, including: Aims of the First Aide, Definition of Emergency Aid, Finding an injured/ill person, Personal safety, Managing the incident, Safety procedure at the site of incident, Checking vital functions of casualty, Explaining line of rescue procedure, Emergency call, Casualty handling, Removal of helmet, Unconsciousness, Epilepsy, sunstroke, and other situations which could lead to unconsciousness, Recovery Position, Breathing/respiration, Artificial respiration/E.A.R. (Expired Air Resuscitation), Choking, Blood circulation, CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation), Wounds/Bleeding, Chest and Abdominal injuries, Shock, Fractures, Sprains and Strains, Burns and Scalds, and Poisoning. The course also included practical sessions on Recovery Position, CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and, dressings and bandaging.

A certificate and batch valid for two years was given to the participants. The nine participants were: Fabian Rodriguez, Elkin Richardson, Alberto Calderon, Eriberto Holsman, Clifford Tromp, Ronald Elizabeth, Edgar Rosina, Andrew Tromp and Mirtha Lopez. Congratulations to all the participants with their new certification.

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From England to Aruba

Melissa & Anthony vowed their love in matrimony



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—On May 28, 2009, Melissa Turner & Anthony Addy vowed their love to be joined together in matrimony. The civil ceremony took place at Aruba's historical Town Hall with loved. The newlyweds are from SouthYorkshire

England and met at nightclub 11 years ago. After dating all those years Anthony knew it was time to ask for her hand in marriage. Last year, while on vacation in Australia, Anthony surprised Melissa with those beautiful words "Will you marry me" The lovely couple



decided on a romantic beach wedding and choose Aruba for their wedding destination with family & friends..

That evening a gorgeous beach blessing took place at Occidental Grand Aruba Resort. The bridal party dressed in elegant attire with a watermelon color theme to accentuate the special occasion. Melissa's elongated veil and bridal dress were breathtaking as she walked down the aisle and surprised Anthony.

The newlyweds exchanged rings, reaffirming the endless and unbreakable circle of their love on the pristine shores of Palm Beach. Officiate Robert Gibson delivered the sermon as family and friends witnessed the union of marriage. The wedding and all details were in great hands under the watchful eye of wedding coordinator Kimberly Dammerman of Occidental Grand Aruba Resort. Kimberly and Occidental's event staff made sure every last single



detail was attended to.

Melissa & Anthony sipped on champagne while the sunset in the horizon, which made a perfect backdrop of forever moments captured by Bella Aruba Photography.

The newlyweds & guests celebrated the special occasion with an elite reception at Occidental's fine Italian restaurant L'Olio

Photos by Angela Munzenhofer



Het Binnenhuys proudly presents *Mi Sentimento II*

Artist Ruurd M. van der Meulen is a new discovery in Aruba



paintings really draw the viewer in. Before the exhibit opening, his largest painting already sold. This is truly an exhibit to see, along with all the beautiful home décor items on display in the store. The artist is an autodidactic figurative artist. □



By Jan Falcone

Displaying now at Het Binnenhuys designer's store is the exhibit, *Mi Sentimento II* by local artist Ruurd M. van der Meulen. Ruurd, a retired policeman with a budding artist for a grandson, is immensely talented.

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"Aruhiba" Aruba's homemade cigar



ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest

export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called 'Aruhiba'. These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrochi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold cigars from outside, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of "Aruhiba" cigars in Aruba. The process took 5 years Petrochi's dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and



process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar case is specially designed for the cigars with the logo 'Aruhiba' and 'Made in Aruba'. Petrochi considers 'Aruhiba' a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

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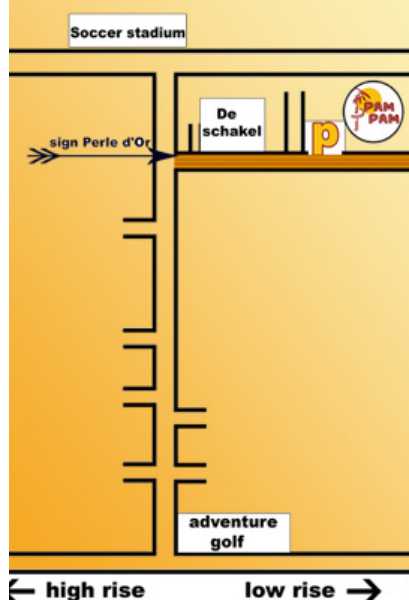
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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Ah, how we hate taking a wrong turn. Of course, sometimes we have to take personal responsibility that we were either exploring or not following directions and end up in a dead end road. Getting lost symbolically means you are worried about an impending move.

In Medieval Latin *vertere* "to turn" evolves into turning into a side street or "byway," with the Latin "diverticulum". In medicine today a diverticulum is a pouch or sac that has formed in the lining of the mucous membrane of a hollow organ, especially in the bowel when the muscle ruptures the bowel wall. Ouch! This condition is called diverticulitis, a fancy word for intestinal inflammation that causes the colon walls to collapse into pockets of infected material. This causes severe abdominal pain, often with fever and constipation.

Lately two of my buddies have developed diverticulitis and both should know better. They just lost their way, hopefully momentarily. Both have been told by allopathic doctors that they have to increase their dietary fiber and "live with the disease" by taking drugs for the rest of their lives.

My buddies know where they took the wrong turn, by not staying on their metabolic food list which resulted in a binge of processed foods and poor digestion. Poor digestion results in two primary problems. Food is not broken down into the elemental building blocks necessary for the body to rebuild itself and generate energy.

Secondly, bad digestion results in food remnants in the gut causing several pathological reactions.

Poor digestion irritates the intestines, causing an increase in the rate material goes across the cells in the intestinal wall. Undigested protein can then leak across into the lymph system and then into general circulation, with the immune system reacting to the foreign invaders. The immune system becomes overtaxed and runs down. With depleted oxygen and fuel, the immune cells wear out faster and do not reproduce properly.

Undigested food can also become a breeding ground for *Candida albicans* and parasites. Candidiasis, a yeast infection produces toxins that cause increased digestion dysfunction, food allergies, fatigue and a host of other problems. This causes the immune system to become even further depressed.

The inflammation causes further damage by producing free radicals as waste by-products. Then, negatively charged oxygen molecules begin to chop holes in cell membranes in an attempt to grab a positive charge. This results in further damage to the intestinal walls and ever increasing permeability. The "leaky gut syndrome" increases with more food particles going into the blood.

As a Traditional Chinese Medical physician I believe that the physical action of the colon is to separate the "pure from the not-pure". From our colon we absorb water, electrolytes and some vitamins, especially the B types. However, the majority of bowel content is expelled from the body and, thus, the emotional

Wrong Turn

aspect of the organ is about "letting go issues". In our clinic I have never met a sick colon, whose mind was not grappling with emotional issues that they could not let go.

Internists while performing colonoscopy see pockets which indicate an unhealthy colon. Doctors report that over 50% of Westerners possess diverticulum. Diverticulitis colae can be serious by creating an opening or passage between the colon and the bladder. Some people will show residual fecal material trapped in these pockets. Some have held onto the stool pockets for decades. A toxic dumpsite like this is dangerous because the poisons consistently leak into your blood and lymphatic systems.

As for the advice to increase your fiber, watch out! If your blood type is O and you use an over-the-counter wheat product to increase your fiber you will feel worse. Wheat husks react negatively to O blood types, thickening your blood and producing gas. The difference in colon bacteria and blood group antigens in the colon are reasons that different blood groups seem to do better on different types of fibers. Brown rice works well for all blood types.

Once we have you back on tract eating from your blood type food list an excellent treatment is colon hydrotherapy, a safe medical procedure that detoxifies the colon with clean water. It's a healing technique for the relief of irritable bowel syndrome with gas and bloating,

chronic constipation, abdominal discomfort, and many other colon problems.

After your colonic we replace the beneficial bacteria in your colon with pro-biotics. Pro means for and biotic mean life, this means they are "for or pro life." Antibiotic is against life. Anyone taking antibiotics needs pro-biotics to replace the body's friendly bacteria.

Lactobacilli or acidophilus are some of the most important types of friendly bacteria found in the digestive tract. Lactobacilli are able to "balance" unfriendly bacteria because when they produce lactic acid. In other words, lactobacilli don't destroy the unfriendly bacteria; they alter the environment, evicting them. Lactobacilli have other benefits. They help normalize cholesterol levels, and control *Candida albicans*. Additionally, lactobacilli help relieve anxiety and depression. Lactobacilli release the amino acid tryptophan the precursor to 5-hydroxytryptophan that metabolizes into serotonin and dopamine; strong "feel-good" brain chemicals. Acidophilus is safe for children and adults and comes in a variety of strengths.

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GM to sell Hummer to Chinese company

By **TOM KRISHER and BREE FOWLER,**

AP Auto Writers

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. took a key step toward its downsizing on Tuesday, striking a tentative deal to sell its Hummer brand to a Chinese manufacturer, while also revealing that it has potential buyers for its Saturn and Saab brands.

China's Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Co. said Tuesday afternoon that it reached an agreement to acquire the brand from GM for an undisclosed amount. The Detroit automaker had announced Tuesday morning that it had a memorandum of

understanding to sell the brand of rugged SUVs, but it didn't identify the buyer.

Sichuan Tengzhong deals in road construction, plastics, resins and other industrial products, but Hummer would be its first step into the automotive business.

GM said the sale will likely save more than 3,000 U.S. jobs in manufacturing, engineering and at various Hummer dealerships. Tengzhong said it will assume GM's existing agreements with Hummer dealers.

"We will be investing in the Hummer brand and its research and development capabilities, which will allow Hummer to

better meet demand for new products such as more fuel-efficient vehicles in the U.S.," Chief Executive Yang Yi said in a statement.

As part of the proposed transaction, Hummer will continue to contract vehicle manufacturing and business services from GM during a transitional period. For example, GM's Shreveport, La., assembly plant would continue to contract to assemble the H3 and H3T through at least 2010, GM said. AM General LLC in Mishawaka, Ind., makes the larger H2 under contract for GM.

Hummer will keep its existing management team and remain based in the United States, the companies said. Tengzhong said it expects to expand the brand's dealer network worldwide, including to China.

"GM is close to a sale of its Hummer brand, which is good news for the 3,000 Americans who will be able to keep their jobs, the two American plants that will remain open and the more than 100 Hummer dealers that should be able to stay in business all around the country," White House spokesman Bill Burton said earlier in the day.

On Monday, the Shreveport plant, which has about 800 workers, escaped being among 12 plants that GM said would be shut down by next year. The plant, which employed 3,000 several years ago, also produces Chevrolet and GMC pickups.

Johnny Bell, 59, who has worked at GM for 28 years, said many workers are still concerned about the plant's long-term future.



Hummers on the lot at Tustin Hummer, a dealership in Tustin, Calif., Monday, June 1, 2009. General Motors Corp. said Tuesday that it has tentatively agreed to sell its Hummer brand, a day after the U.S. automaker filed for bankruptcy protection with hopes that it will transform its most profitable assets into a new company within just 30 days.

(AP Photo/Mark Avery)

"Good news is good news, but we want all the news," he said. "We're concerned about what happens after 2010."

Morgan Johnson, head of the United Auto Workers local at the plant, said GM indicated to the union that pickup assembly would continue in Shreveport through 2012.

"We're just happy that the doors are still open considering all the plant closings," said Sharon Brock, 52, who has worked at the sprawling plant for 26 years.

GM also said Tuesday that it has 16 buyers interested in purchasing its Saturn brand, while three parties are interested in the Swedish Saab brand.

Chief Financial Officer Ray Young told reporters and industry analysts on a conference call that GM is continuing to pursue manufacturing agreements with a new Saturn buyer.

GM would like to sell the money-losing Saturn brand's dealership network, contracting with the new buyer

to make some of its cars while the buyer gets other vehicles from different manufacturers. At the same time, bridge loan discussions with the Swedish government are progressing, Young said.

GM, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York on Monday, is racing to remake itself as a smaller, leaner automaker. In addition to its plan to sell the Hummer, Saab and Saturn brands, GM will also phase out its Pontiac brand, concentrating on its Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC nameplates.

The company hopes to follow the lead of fellow U.S. automaker Chrysler LLC by transforming its most profitable assets into a new company in just 30 days and emerging from bankruptcy protection soon after.

But GM is much larger and complex than its Auburn Hills-based rival and isn't up against Chrysler's tight June 15 deadline to close its deal with Fiat Group SpA. □

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Stocks extend gains to 4th day; Banks slide



Traders work the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in New York. Stocks tacked on modest gains Tuesday to extend a rally to a fourth day following a strong rise in pending home sales, the latest encouraging signal for the troubled housing market.

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Investors slowed their move into the market from a sprint to a walk.

Stocks tacked on modest gains Tuesday to extend a rally to a fourth day following a strong rise in pending home sales, the latest encouraging signal for the troubled housing market. The Dow Jones industrial average briefly pushed into the black for 2009 but ended 35.5 points below the break-even mark. In March, the blue chips were down more than 2,200 points, or 25.4 percent, for the year.

A report showing April recorded the biggest jump in pending home sales in nearly eight years gave the market fresh fuel to push higher. But a slump in financial shares kept overall buying in check as several big banks said they would sell more stock to repay federal bailout money.

The modest moves followed huge gains on Monday, when indicators jumped more than 2 percent on positive signs for manufacturing and other good economic signals.

William Rutherford, president of Rutherford Investment Management LLC in Portland,

(AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

Ore., worries that even with promising economic data the three-month rally in stocks might be overdone.

“The economy has to recover nicely to justify the recent run-up and I don’t know whether it’s got that much momentum in it,” he said.

The Dow rose 19.43, or 0.2 percent, to 8,740.87. The index at times traded above 8,776.39, its finish for 2008. While it remains down moderately for the year, the Dow is up 5.3 percent in four days, its best run since early April.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 1.87, or 0.2 percent, to 944.74, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 8.12, or 0.4 percent, to 1,836.80. Both indexes are up for 2009.

Financial stocks mostly lost ground as several banks said they would sell shares to raise capital. Adding to their share base can dilute the value of existing shares.

Morgan Stanley said it will raise \$2.2 billion in a stock offering, after JPMorgan Chase & Co. and American Express Co. announced similar plans late Monday. JPMorgan will offer \$5 billion of common stock, while American Express is seeking to raise \$500 million.

Morgan Stanley rose 20 cents to \$30.09, while JPMorgan fell \$1.61, or 4.5 percent, to \$34.50. American Express slid \$1.28, or 4.9 percent, to \$24.71.

Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has sold part of its stake in Industrial & Commercial Bank of China to raise more than \$1.9 billion to help repay bailout money. Goldman fell \$1.20 to \$143.13.

“We’ve seen a drumbeat of new issuance in the banking sector. So far, the market has been able to absorb the supply pretty well. It’s going to be yet another test,” said Craig Peckham, an analyst at Jefferies & Co.

Investors drew some confidence from slight improvements in auto sales reports for May following the bankruptcy filings of Chrysler LLC and General Motors Corp. Ford rose 28 cents, or 4.6 percent, to \$6.41. GM shares no longer trade on the New York Stock Exchange and Chrysler isn’t public.

Investors have been encouraged this spring by data suggesting the economy’s

slide is slowing, sending major stock indicators up 30 to 40 percent from the 12-year lows they hit in early March. The market has been able to look past unsettling but widely expected events such as the bankruptcies of Chrysler and GM, as well as dismal reports on the labor market. Market analysts warn, however, that some pullback is likely in order for the market to build sustainable gains. Straight-line advances tend to worry stock watchers as signs of indiscriminate buying that could quickly evaporate at the first sign of trouble.

This week investors will be closely watching a stream of economic reports — particularly the monthly jobs data on Friday — for more signals on where to take the market next.

The report on pending home sales lifted home builder stocks. Beazer Homes USA Inc. rose 24 cents, or 9.1 percent, to \$2.87, while Toll Brothers Inc. rose 73 cents, or 3.9 percent, to \$19.53.

About three stocks rose for every two that fell on the NYSE, where consolidated

volume came to a light 5.8 billion shares compared with 6.2 billion shares Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 5.30, or 1 percent, to 526.63.

Interest rates on long-term Treasuries fell after jumping back and approaching last week’s highs on Monday. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which is used as a benchmark for home mortgages and other consumer loans, fell to 3.62 percent from 3.68 percent late Monday. Investors have been mindful in recent weeks of how rising yields could hamper an economic recovery by driving up interest rates.

The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

Light, sweet crude fell 3 cents to settle at \$68.55 on the New York Mercantile Exchange after finishing at its highest level of the year on Monday.

Overseas, Britain’s FTSE 100 fell 0.7 percent, Germany’s DAX index rose less than 0.1 percent, and France’s CAC-40 slipped less than 0.1 percent. Japan’s Nikkei stock average rose 0.3 percent. □



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Public Centrist on Abortion, Despite Extremists

David Paul Kuhn

The murder Sunday of George Tiller, one of the nation's few late-term abortion doctors, has shoved abortion back into the political debate in its most crass form.

Abortion quickly devolves into a conversation of polar views. Mainstream anti-abortion activists deplore Tiller's death. Then some abortion activists insinuate the anti-abortion movement's atmospherics are culpable for the murder of Tiller. Pushback follows. "Pro life" activists fight any effort to shame their cause.

The murder of a doctor at the fore of the abortion rights movement, like those of the 1990s, catalyzes a conversation of extremes. Abortion becomes either murder or freedom. It is either an issue of abolition or liberation.

But most Americans occupy the middle ground. The nation appears more divided because of how we frame the issue. Americans are asked about abortion in polarized terms. So they pick sides. Are you "pro life" or "pro choice?" Gallup found that 51 percent claim "pro life" and 42 percent claim "pro choice." There is a notable rise in the "pro life" view. The 51-percent finding won headlines because it was the first time, since Gallup began asking the question in 1995, that a majority identified as "pro life." Recent FOX News and Pew Research Center polling show a similar trend.

The slight turn against abortion is partly explained by young voters. Pew data shows that voters under age 30 are more anti-abortion than voters age 30 to 64. By contrast, men and women hold generally similar views on abortion.

But Americans don't view abortion like activists.

Gallup asked the abortion question another way: whether abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under certain circumstances or illegal? Fifty-three percent of Americans said legal only under certain circumstances. The public has consistently favored this middle ground since Gallup first asked the question in 1975, only two years after the Roe v. Wade decision.

An April Quinnipiac University Poll illustrates the same trend. Americans believe abortion should be always legal (15 percent), usually legal (37 percent), usually illegal (27 percent) and always illegal (14 percent).

But abortion, like much in politics, is an issue where the extremes are so loud the vast middle is drowned out. The contributing factor is talk radio, cable news and blogs. Explosive issues are presented in the most explosive terms. The case is argued by ideologues. □

It's Not Fair To Casually Call People Racist

Mona Charen

Creators Syndicate – The nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court has already achieved a boon for our political culture: It has helped leading liberals and Democrats to discover that being tarred as a racist on flimsy grounds is unfair and deeply unpleasant. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., for example, when asked on "Face the Nation" to respond to Rush Limbaugh's and Newt Gingrich's comments about Sotomayor, said, "That's an absolutely terrible thing to throw around. Based on that statement — that one word 'better than' (sic) — to call someone a racist is just terrible and I would hope that Republicans would not do this." Sen. Feinstein is right as far she went. She avoided one undeniable fact though. If a white male nominee had been discovered to have said something similar — that he was better situated to judge due to his background and life experiences than a Latina woman — he would be cashiered so fast as to induce whiplash. Those are the unwritten rules that Limbaugh and Gingrich are attempting, one suspects, to expose for their one-sidedness. Nevertheless, the instant labeling of the woman, based on one unwise remark, is hardly fair. If Democrats are learning this now, that's excellent news. One hopes they will remember this discovery when the wheel turns and a Republican nominee is before the Senate. Certainly they didn't seem to get it as recently as 2002, when President Bush nominated Judge Charles Pickering to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Then-Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Judge Pickering had displayed an "insensitivity to civil rights, to equal rights, especially to minorities. ... This (nomination) lays bare the administration's real position on civil rights." Leading liberal newspapers tolled the bell with headlines like "Extremist Judge Unfit to Sit on Appeals Court" in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and "Say No to This Throwback" in the Los Angeles Times. The Democrats succeeded in torpedoing Pickering's nomination — not to mention assassinating his character. More than "insensitive," he was called a crypto racist with a "segregationist past" (Paul Krugman). When

President Bush offered Judge Pickering a recess appointment to avoid a Senate filibuster, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., breathed fire: "Here we are, on the weekend before a national holiday when we celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday, and George W. Bush celebrates it by appointing Charles Pickering, a known forceful advocate for a cross-burner in America, to the federal court of the United States."

In point of fact, Judge Pickering had been a friend to civil rights throughout his career. To its credit, the New York Times actually quoted longtime associates of the judge and members of the black community in Pickering's hometown who "overwhelmingly support his nomination . . . and admire his efforts at racial reconciliation." The black chairman of the city council told the Times, "I can't believe the man they're describing in Washington is the same one I've known for years." They recalled that as a young prosecutor in 1967, Pickering had endangered his career (and perhaps more) by testifying in court against the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. He was known for hiring black staffers at a time when few white Mississippians did. Pickering encouraged the chancellor of University of Mississippi to form the Institute for Racial Reconciliation and served on its board for many years. Pickering, unlike some white southerners (and many Democrats currently serving in Congress), chose to send his children to integrated public schools. Pickering did preside over the trial of three young men who burned a cross on the lawn of an interracial couple. Byron York's excellent account in National Review reveals that Pickering was dismayed by the Justice Department's decision to negotiate plea bargains with two of the defendants (including the one Pickering regarded as the ringleader) and recommend no jail time for them, while asking for seven and a half years for the remaining defendant. One of those permitted to plea to a misdemeanor was clearly a racist who had earlier shot a gun into a black man's home, gotten into fights with black students at school, and convinced his drunk comrades to burn the cross. □

Conan on 'The Tonight Show' wins high ratings

By DAVID BAUDER,
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Conan O'Brien has reason to smile after his debut as "Tonight" show host. His first Nielsen Media Research report card shows a 7.1 rating and 17 audience share in the nation's biggest media markets. The numbers indicate more people checked out O'Brien's show out than watched David Letterman's "Late Show" and ABC's "Nightline" combined.

A typical "Tonight" show this season had a 4.0 rating. Each ratings point represents 1 percent of the nation's homes with TV, which means 7

percent of homes had someone watching O'Brien on NBC.

O'Brien was serenaded by both comic Will Ferrell and the rock band Pearl Jam on opening night.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. Check back soon for further information. AP's earlier story is below.

NEW YORK (AP) — Conan O'Brien debuted as host of "The Tonight Show" with a jog across the country to Los Angeles and other comedy bits on his entry into a strange new West Coast culture.

He joined a line of predecessors — Steve Allen, Jack Paar, Johnny Carson and Jay Leno

— on television's most historic late-night franchise.

"I think I've timed this move perfectly," he said in his opening monologue aired Monday night. "I'm on a last-place network, I moved to a state that's bankrupt and 'The Tonight Show' is sponsored by General Motors."

O'Brien spent 17 years as host of NBC's "Late Night" in New York, and the move up one hour has been in the works for five years. Leno, his immediate predecessor, will do a weeknight prime-time show on NBC. The workaholic Leno will start "in two days, three days tops," O'Brien joked.



In a photo provided by NBC Conan O'Brien makes his debut as the host of NBC's 'The Tonight Show' Monday June 1, 2009 in Universal City, Ca.

(AP Photo/Paul Drinkwater/NBC)

What Now, Susan Boyle?

Leslie Gornstein

Los Angeles (E! Online) — My friends and I have a bet about the future of Susan "Hairy Angel" Boyle. After her trip to the hospital, do you think she can handle her fame and maintain a career?

—Linea, Oak Grove, Ill.

The answer is, in a way, unfortunate. Yes, music insiders tell me, Boyle can have a massive career. But only if she leaps up out of that hospital bed and starts cutting deals right now, whether she's rested and recovered... or not.

"She's not a mainstream singer, so it's not like young people are going to flock to her next year," says music business consultant Daylle Deana Schwartz, who works with independent labels and artists. "So this really is the time to strike. I don't think you can book a tour overnight, but she needs to start getting the ball rolling immediately."

But can Boyle handle it? I've been on the blower all day with celebrity shrinks, talent managers, industry consultants, publicists, and like your friends, they're deeply divided on whether Boyle is even remotely ready to face her fame.

For the record, officials with Britain's Got Talent said today that Boyle is recovering after an anxiety attack resulting



from the pressures of instant fame. Some of my contacts say that her behavior isn't anything odd, considering the circumstances.

"We should give the lady a pass," says psychiatrist Dr. Paul Dobransky, who works with celebrities in his practice. "I just picture her going without sleep for days on end, preparing nonstop."

But others point out that Boyle may need more than just a bit of R & R if she's going to survive as a pop icon. In fact her outbursts have indicated she isn't ready for direct exposure to the public, Schwartz tells me. A show official said today that Boyle has no underlying mental problems, but if she wants a Kelly Clarkson-size

career, Schwartz says, Boyle may need at least one perk: an entourage.

"Sure, she's ready to perform in front of a large audience," says Schwartz, author of Start & Run Your Own Record Label. "But she doesn't know how to push people away, and I think that's why she screamed and cursed."

If she were Boyle's manager, Schwartz adds, "I would hire a full-time person to travel with her, work with her, talk to her, run interference between her and fans and media."

But regardless of what Boyle actually needs, rest is most likely out of the question.

Translation? Lemme guess. Susan Boyle: The Dream the Dream Tour 2010. □

Actually, it's in September.

O'Brien christened a new studio on the Universal City lot with a handsome art-deco look. The stage has a blue glass background for the opening monologue, before O'Brien retreats to a desk in front of a sparkling backdrop of Los Angeles.

From the top, O'Brien showed the silly comic style that sets him apart from Leno, with more comedy skits filmed earlier and less reliance on jokes in front of the studio audience. The first one showed O'Brien marking off a to-do list for his new show. "Move to L.A." was the last item, as a camera panned a New York skyline outside his window.

A frantic O'Brien went out in the street to find a cab. When he couldn't, he began running. He ran out of New York, and sprinted across the country — across Wrigley Field in Chicago, past the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, by the Rockies and through the desert to Las Vegas. Finally he arrived at the locked door to his new studio, only to realize he'd left his keys behind.

In other segments, O'Brien commandeered a tram filled with tourists on a Universal Studios lot tour and took his used green Ford Taurus for a ride into Los Angeles' car-obsessed culture. Fabio complimented him on his ride.

O'Brien appeared nervous at the long-awaited opening night, pacing onstage during his monologue and mugging with his red pompadour.

"I remember watching Johnny

Carson when I was a kid and thinking: That's what I want to be when I grow up," O'Brien said. "I'm sure right now in America there is likely a kid watching me, thinking: 'What is wrong with that man's hair?'"

Longtime sidekick Andy Richter slid smoothly into the role Ed McMahon once played for Carson, standing at a podium to the side of the stage and loudly laughing at his boss' jokes.

Over at CBS, David Letterman slyly mentioned NBC's transition.

"I'm still here," he said. "I knocked off another competitor."

He said he got a call from his mom and she said, "Well, David, I see you didn't get 'The Tonight Show' again," a reference to Letterman losing out to Leno to become Carson's successor.

Comic Will Ferrell was O'Brien's first guest, his appearance less manic than some of his memorable "Late Night" visits. He offered O'Brien some "tips" for L.A. living, including a good burger joint in Pasadena "called Burger King."

Pearl Jam was the musical guest, debuting a song off an upcoming album.

Ferrell sang his own song in tribute to O'Brien, a version of "Never Can Say Goodbye" that "bewildered" the host. Why sing a goodbye song on the first night?

"Don't get me wrong," Ferrell said. "I'm pulling for you. But this little thing is a crapshoot at best." □

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Sony unveils new PSP Go

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Sony on Tuesday unveiled a sleek next-generation PSP Go handheld videogame, movie and music gadget in a direct challenge to Nintendo's freshly-launched DSi devices. Sony Computer Entertainment president Kaz Hirai showed off a new PSP Go at a press conference in the Shrine Auditorium as a major Electronics Entertainment Expo (E3) got under way nearby in Los Angeles. "We call it the worst kept secret of E3," Hirai quipped, referring to news of Go news leaks more akin to streams. "There will be more content that is easier to get on your PSP. It's entertainment everywhere." Go is half the size of the original PSP and

built to download and store video, pictures and games, according to Hirai. Go devices have built-in wireless Internet and Bluetooth capabilities. "It's built for people who live a more digital lifestyle," Hirai said. "It's designed to bring all kinds of content to the PSP." All future PSP videogame titles will be available for digital download, skipping any need to buy software on disks, according to Sony. A new Sense Me feature analyzes music stored in Go devices and then creates playlists to suit users' moods. Go gadgets will also be built with a video delivery service Sony launched last year. Hot videogame franchises including "Gran Turismo," "Metal Gear Solid," and

"Resident Evil" are creating new games tailored to Go devices, according to Sony. "I think the PSP is getting really hotter," said Hideo Kojima, whose eponymous studio makes the "Metal Gear Solid" franchise whose protagonist is a fearsome soldier called "Snake." "And Snake is coming back on the PSP." Go devices will be priced at 249 dollars, or 249 Euros respectively, when they are released in the United States and Europe in October, according to Sony. The gadgets will be available in Japan in April, Hirai said. Nintendo reports that it has sold more than a million of its new-generation DSi handheld videogame gadgets in the United States since they became available here in April. □





This aerial view shows the archipelago of Fernando de Noronha, northeast of Brazil, Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Brazilian military pilots spotted an airplane seat, an orange buoy, and other debris and signs of fuel in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean as they hunted for a missing Air France jet that carried 228 people. The pilots spotted two areas of floating debris, but no signs of life, about 60 kilometers, 35 miles, apart, about 410 miles, 650 kilometers, beyond the Brazilian archipelago of Fernando de Noronha, near Flight 447's path from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, said Air Force spokesman Jorge Amaral.

Associated Press

Debris confirms crash of Air France Flight 447

FERNANDO DE NORONHA, Brazil — An airplane seat, a fuel slick and pieces of white debris scattered over three miles of open ocean marked the site in the mid-Atlantic Tuesday where Brazilian officials said Air France Flight 447 crashed. Brazilian military pilots spotted the wreckage, sad reminders bobbing on waves, in the ocean 400 miles northeast of these islands off Brazil's coast. The plane carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris went down in waters up to three miles deep Sunday night.

"I can confirm that the five kilometers of debris are those of the Air France plane,"

Defense Minister Nelson Jobim told reporters at a hushed press conference in Rio. He said no bodies had been found and there was no sign of life.

The effort to recover the debris and locate the all-important black box recorders, which emit signals for only 30 days, is expected to be exceedingly challenging.

"We are in a race against the clock in extremely difficult weather conditions and in a zone where depths reach up to 7,000 meters (22,966 feet)," French Prime Minister Francois Fillon told lawmakers in parliament Tuesday.

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Top Dem: Sotomayor would follow the law



Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, right, meets with Senate Judiciary Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in Leahy's office on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor sought Tuesday to hit back against Republican charges that she would let her background dictate her rulings, telling U.S. senators in both parties that she would follow the law as a justice.

In private meetings that marked her congressional debut, Sotomayor, who would be the high court's first Hispanic and its third woman, explained her views of a judge's role and the impact of her life experiences to leaders of the Judiciary Committee, which will have the first crack at weighing her confirmation. President Barack Obama nominated her for the post last week.

Sotomayor's schedule was packed with quick one-on-one visits with some of the Senate's leading Democratic and Republican members.

The roughly half-hour meetings are as important for the courtly tone they set for the beginning of the congressional debate on Sotomayor as for the few moments of candid conversation they offer senators and the nominee.

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Clinton details conditions for Cuba entry to OAS



MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press Writer

SANPEDROSULA, Honduras (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton firmly opposed allowing Cuba to rejoin the Organization of American States unless it adopts democratic reforms, an isolated U.S. stand that prompted Honduras to label the U.S. embargo on Cuba a "day of infamy." President

Barack Obama's top diplomat heard multiple complaints from fellow diplomats as others at the group's annual general assembly here demanded immediate action to rescind Cuba's nearly 50-year-old suspension without conditions.

Honduran President Manuel Zelaya, the host of the meeting, urged that the 1962 resolution that suspended Cuba's

membership be revoked on Tuesday, calling its passage and the imposition of the U.S. embargo on Cuba a "day of infamy" and a grave error. "Friends, it is time to correct that mistake," he told the meeting. "Were we to leave this place without rescinding that decision ... we would be colluding with that mindset of yesterday."

Nicaraguan President Daniel

Ortega said the United States is using the OAS as a tool of repression and said Cuba's 1962 suspension was due to the support of former Latin American dictators "imposed and used by the Yankees."

"The OAS continues to be an instrument of domination of the United States," Ortega told a news conference after the opening session.

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Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., right, accompanied by Senate Minority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday June 2, 2009.

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TOP DEMS: SOTOMAYOR

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Barring any huge surprises, the full Senate is expected to confirm Sotomayor. Democrats already control 59 of the 100 seats and Sotomayor is likely to pick up a few Republican votes. Democrats need 60 votes to prevent Republicans from using procedural tactics to derail the nomination. The Senate votes on Supreme Court nominations of any

president.
"Ultimately and completely, a judge has to follow the law no matter what their upbringing has been," Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat and the panel chairman, quoted the nominee as saying in their closed-door session. Leahy had asked Sotomayor, 54, what she meant when she said in 2001 that she hoped her decisions as a "wise Latina" would be better than those of a white male who had

not had the same experiences. Prominent Republicans have cited the 2001 remark to call her a racist. Leahy said the judge told him: "Of course one's life experience shapes who you are, but ... as a judge, you follow the law." Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the committee, said Sotomayor used those words with him as well, but he appeared to come away from the meetings unconvinced about Sotomayor's approach and whether she would be an "activist" who tried to set policy from the bench. "She used those words, and of course the question is what is the law? How does a judge find the law, and what approach to statutory construction do they utilize?" Sessions said. Sessions, who is to meet Wednesday with Leahy to discuss scheduling Sotomayor's confirmation process, said he thought hearings should wait until September. "I don't think it's good to rush," he said.

Leahy called the criticism against Sotomayor "among the most vicious attacks that have been received by anybody" and said the rhetoric demands hearings, "sooner than later." Democrats hope to begin the sessions as early as the first full week of July. Leahy said he asked the judge whether he could repeat publicly what she told him privately during their meeting about how her personal experiences as the New York-born daughter of Puerto Rican parents who was reared in a housing project and went on to Princeton and Yale universities before ascending to the highest legal echelons would shape her rulings. Leahy quoted Sotomayor as saying, "There's not one law for one race or another. There's not one law for one color or another. There's not one law for rich, a different one for poor. There's only one law." Radio host Rush Limbaugh and former House Speaker New Gingrich have both

branded Sotomayor a racist, and Limbaugh went on to compare choosing her for the high court to nominating former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke. Leahy defended Sotomayor on Tuesday, saying he was proud of his own Irish-Italian background and his wife's French-Canadian background. "Does that make us racist?" he said. "She is not a racist." His comments came as a new Associated Press-GfK poll showed that Americans have a more favorable first impression of Sotomayor than they did for any of former President George W. Bush's nominees to the high court, and backs her confirmation in higher numbers. Sotomayor was scheduled to meet with 10 senators during her first day on Capitol Hill, retreating to Vice President Joe Biden's office between sessions to huddle with White House handlers, a team heavy with confirmation battle veterans who are guiding her nomination. □

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New Orleans again U.S. murder capital

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans is once again the U.S. murder capital after briefly losing the title.

Fresh FBI statistics show that with 64 killings per 100,000 people in 2008, New Orleans had the highest per capita murder rate in the United States, well ahead of second-

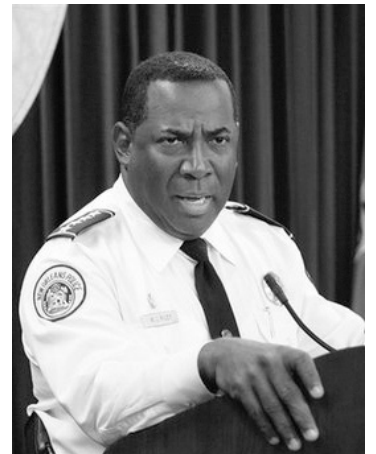
place St. Louis, which had 47 murders per 100,000 people. Baton Rouge, which gained population after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, came in No. 7 with 30 murders per 100,000.

The FBI's report bases its per capita number on a New Orleans population of

281,440 for July 1, 2008. The Greater New Orleans Community Data Center put the city's population for the first half of 2008 at 324,357. But even using the higher estimate, the city recorded 55 murders per 100,000 to still lead the nation.

New Orleans police superintendent Warren Riley answers questions at a news conference in New Orleans, Tuesday, June 2, 2009. New data from the FBI shows New Orleans has regained its crown as the nation's murder capital.

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U.S. D-Day Memorial on brink of financial ruin



This June 6, 2001 file photo shows the National D-Day Memorial during the dedication, with President George W. Bush on hand in Bedford, Va. With the celebration this week of D-Day's 65th anniversary comes sobering news: The foundation that runs a national memorial to the Normandy landing is on the brink of financial ruin.

Associated Press

SUE LINDSEY

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BEDFORD, Virginia (AP) — On the eve of the 65th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of the coast of France in World War II, the foundation that runs the National D-Day Memorial is on the brink of financial ruin.

Donations are down in the poor economy. The primary base of support — World War II veterans — is dying off. And the privately funded memorial to the Allied invasion of Normandy, on June 6, 1944, is struggling to draw visitors. It is hundreds of miles from a major city — in Bedford, Virginia, a community that suffered among the highest U.S. per-capita losses. Facing the prospect of

cutting staff and hours, the memorial's president believes its only hope for long-term survival is to be taken over by the National Park Service or by a college or university.

So far, he's found no takers. "All institutions are in various states of privation of one kind or another," foundation President William McIntosh said. "Everybody's endowment has been slapped around pretty badly by the economy."

But by contrast, the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, which opened as a D-Day museum in 2000, is thriving with an \$8 million budget supported largely by 120,000 memberships.

The Bedford memorial, about 115 miles west of Richmond, Virginia's capital, opened

eight years ago at a ceremony attended by President George W. Bush.

Several thousand visitors are expected at the memorial Saturday to mark the anniversary.

The outdoor museum tells the story of the Normandy invasion in sculptures of soldiers and their leaders. Air jets shoot mini-geysers of water to mimic enemy gunfire as bronze figures of soldiers struggle for shore in a reflecting pool. Some 10,000 Allied troops were killed or wounded in the costly landing.

The memorial's attention to detail evokes an emotional response for those who lived through D-Day, said James A. Huston, a World War II veteran and historian who will receive the French Legion of Honor on Friday in Paris.

"The whole idea is well done," said Huston, retired dean of nearby Lynchburg College. "It tells the story." The privately owned foundation faced financial disaster soon after its 2001 opening, prompting a criminal investigation and a bankruptcy protection filing. Federal fraud charges eventually were dropped against the memorial's former director, Richard B. Burrow, who led aggressive efforts to build the monument in time for many aging World War II veterans to see it. Soaring construction costs put the

foundation some \$7 million in debt, but McIntosh said donations erased the deficit by 2006.

Still, as McIntosh looks ahead, he sees a bleak future.

"It makes me sad for America that we can't do a bit better than this," he said.

Democratic Rep. Tom Perriello of Virginia, whose district includes the memorial, plans to introduce legislation this week to transfer the site

to the Park Service.

The foundation president has courted other potential owners including Liberty University, the fundamentalist Christian school founded by the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

McIntosh, 65, would like to see the memorial's future secure before his contract ends in a year.

"It is in a very good position to move to the next level, to open a new chapter on its story," he said.

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Obama picks Republican for U.S. Army secretary



President Barack Obama listens to Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y. speak in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, after the president announced that McHugh was his pick to become Army Secretary.

Associated Press

JULIE PACE — congressman Tuesday to be the next secretary of the Army, bringing another member of the opposition into his named a Republican administration.

Obama said New York Rep. John McHugh is “committed to keeping America’s Army the best trained, the best equipped, the best land force the world has ever seen.”

McHugh will ensure the country’s troops can handle the new kinds of combat in the 21st century, including unconventional warfare, the president said.

McHugh has represented northern New York in the House of Representatives since 1993 and is the senior Republican member of the House Armed Services Committee.

“The Army’s always had a special place in my heart,” said McHugh, who has also served as co-chair of the House of Representatives Army Caucus

and member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

In Congress, McHugh has devoted himself to protecting and expanding Fort Drum in northern New York, home of the Army’s 10th Mountain Division.

In recent years, Fort Drum has grown as its soldiers face long deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, but McHugh and other New York politicians have fought to keep Washington from shutting it down to save money.

McHugh and then-Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton even went so far as to write a letter of protest to a fictional character on the television show “The West Wing” after an episode

suggested closing the base. Sen. Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, said he would “work to ensure a swift and smooth confirmation for my good friend.”

“Two words that characterize John McHugh are class and service, and in this new job he will once again be able to use both,” Schumer said in a statement.

Since taking office, Obama has said he wanted to include Republicans in his administration.

If confirmed, McHugh will join Defense Secretary Robert Gates, a holdover from George W. Bush’s Republican administration, at the Pentagon. Obama also selected former Republican Rep. Ray LaHood of Illinois as transportation secretary.

Obama tried to get another Republican into the administration, New Hampshire Sen. Judd Gregg. Obama nominated Gregg for commerce secretary after his first choice, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, withdrew amid a grand jury investigation. □

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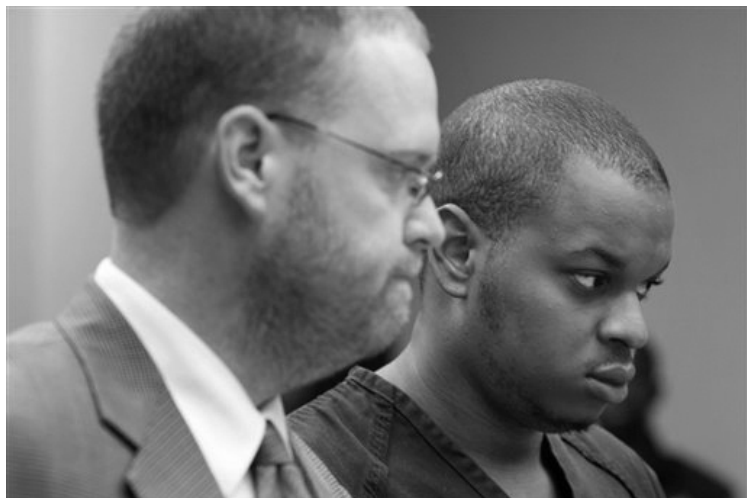


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Tour driver pleads not guilty to killing recruiter



Abdulahakim Muhammad, 23, of Little Rock, right, appears with his attorney Stephen Thomas in a Little Rock, Ark., courtroom Tuesday, June 2, 2009, where he was charged in the Monday death of a military recruiter outside the Army-Navy Career Center in a west Little Rock shopping center.

CHUCK BARTELS

Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP)—A Muslim convert who pleaded not guilty to killing a soldier outside a recruiting center had the firepower to take out many more while on a mission to “kill as many people in the Army as he could,” police said.

IndocumentsreleasedTuesday, authorities said they recovered Molotov cocktails, three guns and ammunition from Abdulhakim Muhammad’s pickup truck after the attack Monday in a suburban Little Rock shopping center that left Pvt. William Long dead and Pvt. Quinton I. Ezeagwula wounded. Muhammad targeted soldiers “because of what they had done to Muslims in the past,” authorities said. Both Long, 23, and Ezeagwula, 18, had recently completed basic training and had never seen combat. They had volunteered to help attract others into military service, and were

shot as they stood outside the recruiting center smoking cigarettes.

On Tuesday, Muhammad, also 23, pleaded not guilty to one count of capital murder and 16 counts of committing a terrorist act — and could face the death penalty. He is being held without bond. Federal prosecutors are also considering charges.

An internal law enforcement memo says Muhammad may have considered other targets, including military sites and Jewish organizations in the Southeast.

The memo was described to The Associated Press by someone who had seen it. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss its contents.

After the attack, investigators searched a computer connected to Muhammad and found research into multiple sites in different states, according to the memo. Investigators

are working to determine if anyone else knew about Muhammad’s intentions.

Police stopped Muhammad moments after the shootings on a highway that would have taken him to Memphis, Tennessee, where he lived until he moved to Little Rock in the last couple of months.

Search warrant affidavits showed that police recovered weapons and caches of ammunition from Muhammad’s truck and apartment. Officers confiscated an SKS assault rifle believed to be used in the shootings, a .22-caliber rifle with a laser sight, other firearms, Molotov cocktails, homemade silencers and compact disks with Arabic writing on them.

The truck also held a plastic tub filled with bottles of water, “canned food, boxed food, bagged food and a butane lighter” and, incongruously, a golf score card.

Once in custody, one affidavit said, Muhammad told officers what he had wanted to accomplish.

“Mr. Muhammad ... advised that his intent was to kill as many people in the Army as he could,” according to Little Rock police Detective Robert A. Martin. During the court proceeding Tuesday, Deputy Prosecutor Scott Duncan said Muhammad told investigators that “he would have killed more soldiers had they been in the parking lot.” Duncan said Muhammad admitted shooting the soldiers “because of what they had done to Muslims in the past.”

Muhammad had been under

investigation by an FBI-led terrorism task force since he returned to the United States from Yemen last year, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press. The official said Muhammad had been arrested and jailed in Yemen at some point for using a Somali passport. The official, who was not authorized to discuss the investigation, spoke on

condition of anonymity.

An FBI spokesman in Little Rock did not immediately respond to a call seeking comment.

Muhammad, formerly known as Carlos Bledsoe, had moved to Little Rock this spring as his father, Melvin Bledsoe of Memphis, Tennessee, expanded a tour bus company.

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FLIGHT 447

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Brazilian military pilots first spotted the floating debris early Tuesday in two areas about 35 miles (60 kilometers) apart, said Air Force spokesman Jorge Amaral. The area is not far off the flight path of Flight 447.

The cause of the crash will not be known until the black boxes are recovered — which could take days or weeks. But weather and aviation experts are focusing on the possibility of a collision with a brutal storm that sent winds of 100 mph straight into the airliner’s path.

“The airplane was flying at 500 mph northeast and the air is coming at them at 100 mph,” said AccuWeather.com expert senior meteorologist Henry

Margusity. “That probably started the process that ended up in some catastrophic failure of the airplane.”

Towering Atlantic storms are common this time of year near the equator — an area known as the intertropical convergence zone. “That’s where the northeast trade winds meet the southeast trade winds — its the meeting place of the southern hemisphere and the northern hemisphere’s weather,” said Margusity.

But several veteran pilots of big airliners said it was extremely unlikely that Flight 447’s crew intended to punch through a killer storm.

“Nobody in their right mind would ever go through a thunderstorm,” said Tim Meldahl, a captain for a major U.S. airline who has flown

Plane debris found in flight path

The Brazilian military found debris and signs of fuel in the path Air France Flight 447 took after leaving Rio de Janeiro with 228 people on board and en route to Paris.



Map locates area of a debris field that may be associated with the Air France jetliner missing in the Atlantic Ocean

Associated Press

internationally for 26 years, including more than 3,000 hours on the same A330 jetliner.

Pilots often work their way through bands of storms, watching for lightning flashing through clouds ahead and maneuvering around them, he said.

“They may have been sitting there thinking we can weave our way through this stuff,” Meldahl said. “If they were trying to lace their way in and out of these things, they could have been caught by an updraft.”

The same violent weather that might have led to the crash also could impede recovery efforts.

“Anyone who is going there to try to salvage this airplane within the next couple of months will have to deal with these big thunderstorms coming through on an almost daily basis,” Margusity said. “You’re talking about a monumental salvage effort.”

Remotely controlled submersible crafts will have to be used to recover wreckage settling so far beneath the ocean’s surface.

France dispatched a research ship equipped with unmanned submarines that can explore as deeply as 19,600 feet (6,000 meters).

The location could be identified with help from a U.S. Navy P-3C Orion surveillance plane — which can fly low over the ocean for 12 hours at a time and has radar and sonar designed to track submarines underwater — and a French AWACS radar plane joining the operation.

France also has three military patrol aircraft flying over the central Atlantic, two commercial ships reached the floating debris, and Brazilian navy ships were en route.

Even at great underwater pressure, the black boxes “can survive indefinitely almost. They’re very rugged and sophisticated, virtually indestructible,” said Bill Voss, president and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va.

“I would expect they’ll dedicate the rather substantial resources of the French navy to this,” Voss added. “I’ve got to figure this will go quickly. I’m hoping they’ll have stuff

up in a month, if not just a few weeks.”

Rescuers were still scanning a vast sweep of ocean. If no survivors are found, it would be the world’s worst civil aviation disaster since the November 2001 crash of an American Airlines jetliner in the New York City borough of Queens that killed 265 people.

Investigators have few clues to help explain what brought the Airbus A330 down. The crew made no distress call before the crash, but the plane’s system sent an automatic message just before it disappeared, reporting lost cabin pressure and electrical failure.

French police were studying passenger lists and maintenance records, and preparing to take DNA from passengers’ relatives to help identify any bodies. And while France’s Defense Minister Herve Morin said “we have no signs so far” of terrorism, he said all hypotheses must be studied.

At the press conference, Jobim said there was no way to yet know if the plane had exploded or broken up in air or crashed intact.

The 4-year-old Airbus A330-200 was last heard from at 0214 GMT Monday (10:14 p.m. EDT Sunday) about four hours after it left Rio, and was cruising normally at 35,000 feet (10,670 meters) and 522 mph (840 kph) just before it disappeared. No trouble was reported as the plane left radar contact, beyond Brazil’s Fernando de Noronha archipelago.

But just north of the equator, a line of towering thunderstorms loomed. Bands of extremely turbulent weather stretched across the Atlantic toward Africa.

On board the flight were 61 French citizens, 58 Brazilians, 26 Germans, nine Chinese and nine Italians. A lesser number of citizens from 27 other countries also were on the passenger list.

The chance of finding survivors now “is very, very small, even nonexistent,” said Jean-Louis Borloo, the French minister overseeing transportation. □

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CLINTON OAS

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He accused the Obama administration of being no different from previous administrations.

"The president has changed, but not American policy," the Sandinista leader said.

Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo said the foreign ministers "should show in Honduras that there's a unified America, with no discrimination, with no veto to economic models, social or political that could be freely adopted by every country."

Earlier, Clinton told Caribbean leaders that she and Obama "do look forward to the day when Cuba can join the OAS."

"But we believe that membership in the OAS must come with responsibilities and we owe it to each other to uphold our standards of democracy and governance that have brought so much progress to our hemisphere." She expressed hope that a "common way forward" could be found despite U.S. demands that Cuba's re-entry be tied to the release of political prisoners, respect for basic human rights and steps toward democratic pluralism.

The United States is largely alone in the OAS in demanding conditions. Almost all other members of the OAS are calling for Cuba to be allowed

to rejoin the 34-nation group without conditions.

Faced with a solid bloc of countries opposed to the conditions, U.S. officials are hoping to stall a vote on reversing Cuba's suspension from the OAS.

But the region's growing number of socialist leaders, led by Ortega, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and Bolivian President Evo Morales are pressing for a vote, and U.S. officials are unsure how the meeting will proceed.

Even though Cuba has expressed no interest in rejoining the bloc and the organization generally makes decision by consensus, proponents can push ahead with a resolution that needs only a two-thirds majority, or 23 votes, to pass.

OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza pleaded with the representatives to come to a consensus as he opened the meeting but the divisions expressed by leaders in the comments suggested that would be difficult.

Forcing a vote would put Clinton in a difficult position because regional and U.S. officials say there are easily enough countries to pass it.

The administration is toeing a delicate line as it reaches out to Cuban leader Raul Castro and by extension his ailing brother



Fidel by lifting restrictions on money transfers and travel to the island by Americans with family there.

Cuba has agreed to a U.S. proposal to resume immigration talks with Washington that former President George W. Bush suspended in 2003 and to negotiations on restarting

direct mail service between the two countries. But the Castros say they want a full lifting of the decades-old U.S. embargo on Cuba, something the administration has refused to consider without reforms. Clinton is at Tuesday's meeting as the representative of the last country in the Western

Hemisphere without full diplomatic ties with Cuba.

El Salvador had been the only other one, but in his first act as the country's first leftist president, Mauricio Funes on Monday restored his country's diplomatic relations with Cuba that had been broken in 1961.



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UK Home Secretary to quit in expenses scandal



Jacqui Smith, Britain's Home Secretary leaves following a cabinet meeting at Britain's Prime Minister Gordon Brown's official residence at 10 Downing Street in central London, Tuesday June 2, 2009.

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DAVID STRINGER
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — A scandal over lawmakers' expenses threatened to overwhelm Prime Minister Gordon Brown's government on Tuesday, as his minister for security and

police prepared to quit and the future of several other senior figures was in doubt. Brown is coping with a raft of resignations after embarrassing details of lawmakers' expenses leaked out, and is expected to fire some senior ministers in

response to public anger. Lawmakers from all parties have expensed items ranging from cookies and cushions to horse manure, swimming pool repairs and bogus home loan payments, outraging ordinary Britons suffering through a deep recession and soaring unemployment.

The scandal threatens to sweep a host of veterans out of Brown's Cabinet before a national election that must be held by June 2010. Experts predict scores of veteran lawmakers from all parties will be tossed out in that election, which the opposition Conservatives are expected to win. A survey Monday put Brown's beleaguered Labour Party 22 points behind the Conservatives.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith has been criticized after she inadvertently included two pornographic movies ordered by her husband in an expenses claim. She also faced allegations that she manipulated Parliament's housing allowance system to maximize the amount she received.

A government official said Smith planned to quit as Home Secretary — one of the most senior posts in the British government — but continue to serve as a lawmaker. The official, who requested

anonymity because Smith has not yet officially announced her departure, said she decided to quit because revelations over her expenses had been unsettling for her family.

Smith's decision comes days before Brown is expected to reassign roles in his Cabinet. Treasury chief Alistair Darling, a pivotal figure during the economic crisis, has acknowledged he made mistakes in his own expenses claims and could be moved from his post. Darling said Monday he would repay about 700 pounds (\$1,150) after he charged simultaneous expenses on two homes. Parliament limits lawmakers to claims on only one property.

Transport Secretary Geoff Hoon and Communities Secretary Hazel Blears are also under pressure after they repaid expenses checks and acknowledged mistakes.

Beverley Hughes, a junior schools minister, said Tuesday she will quit, but claimed the decisions was not connected to the scandal. She has been criticized over filing expense claims to pay for a maid.

British media reported that junior minister Tom Watson, a longtime aide to Brown, also planned to quit.

"It is just falling apart. Is the prime minister in control or not, people are going to be

asking," Conservative Party lawmaker Ben Wallace said on BBC radio.

About 15 other lawmakers have said they won't run for re-election since details of legislators' expenses have been published.

Brown is likely to make changes to his Cabinet following expected poor results in elections Thursday for Britain's representatives to the European Parliament, as well as for about 2,300 seats on local councils. Conservative Party leader David Cameron has demanded that Brown call an immediate national election to give the public a chance to oust lawmakers who have made inappropriate claims.

"They are not actually governing the country, they are not dealing with the economy ... we need a fresh start," he told the BBC.

By tradition, Brown's office declined to comment Tuesday on the future of Smith or other Cabinet ministers.

Smith's position was precarious even before disclosures over her expenses. She failed to push proposed reforms to anti-terrorism laws through Parliament, ignored advice from her own scientific advisers on drug laws and clashed with London's mayor over the future of the city's police commissioner. □

Mauritania election postponed to July 18

By SADIBOU MARONE

Associated Press Writer

DAKAR, Senegal — Mauritania's rival political factions have agreed to postpone Saturday's scheduled presidential election until July 18, officials said Tuesday.

Senegal Foreign Minister Cheikh Tidiane Gadio announced the agreement after days of intense negotiations that began last week in a bid to include opposition parties who had refused to take part in the junta-organized vote.

Mauritania's first freely elected president in decades was toppled in a coup in August. The man who ousted him, Gen. Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, gave up power in April so he would be constitutionally allowed to run in the election, which was meant to return civilian rule to the desert nation in northwest Africa.

Opposition parties initially rejected the election, saying it was being organized without their consent. Their absence would have given Aziz almost certain victory, but deprived his win of any credibility.

Tuesday's agreement calls for the formation

of a 28-member transitional government. Aziz would have the right to appoint the prime minister and half the ministers, and rival parties the rest.

If no candidate wins a majority of votes in July's election, a second round will be held Aug. 1.

Last-minute talks to resolve the crisis began at a seaside Dakar hotel Thursday. They were organized by an international group of mediators, including representatives from the African Union, the European Union, the United Nations and the Arab League among others.

The African Union suspended Mauritania from membership and has imposed travel bans and asset freezes on officials involved in the coup. After Aziz stepped down in April, power was transferred to Senate president Ba Mamadou Mbare, who became the first-ever black leader of the Arab-dominated nation, where Mauritians of sub-Saharan descent are still marginalized. Some continue to work in conditions of familial servitude that activists call slavery. □



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Military: Gitmo detainee dies of apparent suicide

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Associated Press Writers

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Yemeni detainee at Guantanamo Bay has died of an apparent suicide, U.S. military officials said Tuesday. His is the fifth apparent suicide at the offshore U.S. prison, which President Barack Obama hopes to close by January.

The Joint Task Force that runs the U.S. prison in Cuba said guards conducting a routine check found Muhammad Ahmad Abdallah Salih unresponsive and not breathing in his cell Monday night.

In a statement issued from Miami, the U.S. military said the detainee was pronounced dead by a doctor after "extensive lifesaving measures had been exhausted."

The Yemeni prisoner, also known as Mohammad Ahmed Abdullah Saleh Al-Hanashi,

had been held without charge at Guantanamo since February 2002, a month after the isolated U.S. base started taking prisoners. Military records show the alleged Taliban fighter was about 31. The apparent suicide happened late Monday, but it was not revealed by the military until after a dozen journalists who were covering a military tribunal session left the base about midday Tuesday. A Defense Department official said the reason was that the Yemeni government had not yet been notified.

Medical records previously released by the military in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by The Associated Press showed that the prisoner's weight had dropped to about 86 pounds (39 kilograms) in December 2005 — an

indication that he may have joined a long-running hunger strike among prisoners. He weighed 124 pounds (56 kilograms) when he was first taken to Guantanamo in February 2002.

The military won't identify hunger strikers, citing privacy rules and a desire to keep detainees from trying to become martyrs.

Attorney David Remes identified the Yemeni as one of six inmates held in the prison's psychiatric ward along with his client, Adnan Latif. He said all the men in the ward had been force-fed a liquid nutrition mix through a tube inserted in their noses and down their throats.

"Salih was being force-fed in a restraint chair; the other six surviving inmates are being force-fed from bed," Remes said, adding that he



In this photo, reviewed by the U.S. military, Chinese ethnic Uighur Guantanamo detainees, who are cleared for release but with no country to go to, show a home-made note of protest to visiting members of the media, at Camp Iguana detention facility, at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba, Monday, June 1, 2009.

Associated Press

didn't think the Yemeni had any legal representation until two lawyers arrived in February.

"They were due to see him for the first time in a couple of weeks," he said. Remes said the death serves to refute a Pentagon report prepared for Obama saying Guantanamo's prison meets the standard for humane

treatment laid out in the Geneva Conventions. The February report was written in response to Obama's order to close the prison within a year. "Despite small improvements since President Obama took office, conditions there remain appalling," he said from Washington. □



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This is a Jan. 17, 2009 file photo showing Orlando Magic guard Jameer Nelson warming up before facing the Denver Nuggets in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Denver.

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Magic players: PG Nelson will play in NBA finals

ANTONIO GONZALEZ

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Orlando Magic players say Jameer Nelson will play in the NBA finals, even though the All-Star point guard and his coach remain publicly pessimistic.

Nelson participated in a full team practice on Tuesday for the first time since tearing the labrum in his right shoulder on Feb. 2.

While Nelson and coach Stan Van Gundy still said it won't be determined until game

day, players said Nelson looked "terrific" and expect the point guard to be on the court against the Los Angeles Lakers when the finals start on Thursday.

Backup point guard Anthony Johnson said, "I expect to see him out there at some point in the series."

Nelson had what was then called season-ending surgery on Feb. 19. Nelson's rehabilitation was supposed to take at least another two months. □

Feds appeal ruling tossing out Bonds evidence

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal prosecutors urged an appeals court to let them present evidence they say shows Barry Bonds knowingly used steroids, arguing Monday it was mistakenly thrown out by a trial court judge on the eve of his perjury trial earlier this year.

Among the evidence that prosecutors say is key to their case are three urine samples they say belong to Bonds and tested positive for the steroids, methenolone and nandrolone. Prosecutors allege Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson, collected the samples for testing at the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, the headquarters of a massive sports doping ring busted by federal investigators in 2003.

In February, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston banned evidence connected to Anderson because of his refusal to testify at Bonds' trial. Anderson has told the judge he would go to jail rather than testify.

Anderson spent more than a year in prison for previously refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating Bonds.

Illston also barred an alleged "doping calendar" kept by Anderson, log books maintained at the lab and other evidence produced by the trainer. The judge said there's no way to prove the evidence is what the prosecutors say it is without Anderson's testimony.

Bonds has pleaded not guilty to lying to a federal grand jury investigating BALCO in December 2003 when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs.

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AL Roundup

Yankees set new errorless record in 5-2 win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Joba Chamberlain allowed two runs in a career-high eight innings as the New York Yankees set a record for consecutive games without making an error in a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians in the American League on Monday.

Chamberlain (3-1) retired the first 11 batters before Martinez's home run in the fourth.

He allowed four hits, walked two and struck out five. Mariano Rivera worked a perfect ninth for his 11th save in 12 chances.

New York played error free for the 18th straight game, and surpassing Boston's mark of 17 games set in 2006. New York's last error came on May 13 at Toronto when shortstop Ramiro Pena misplayed a ground ball.

Nick Swisher doubled home a pair of runs and Alex Rodriguez singled home two more in a four-run seventh inning.

White Sox 6, Athletics 2

At Chicago, Jim Thome hit the 550th homer of his career in the eighth inning to help Chicago beat Oakland.

A.J. Pierzynski homered and Scott Podsednik scored two



runs for the White Sox, who won for the fourth straight time and have won 10 of its last 13 overall.

Oakland reliever Craig Breslow (1-4) allowed a leadoff walk to Scott Podsednik in the eighth inning. After Alexei Ramirez popped up a bunt attempt, Jermaine Dye singled off Santiago Casilla. On a 1-2 pitch, Thome hit an opposite field home run to left-center to put the White Sox up 5-2.

Thome is 13th on the career homers list.

Matt Thornton (3-1) struck out the side in the eighth.

Orioles 1, Mariners 0

At Seattle, Rich Hill threw seven scoreless innings, Adam Jones and George Sherrill came up big against their former team as Baltimore beat Seattle.

The Orioles sent former ace Erik Bedard to the Mariners for top outfield prospect Jones, reliever Sherrill and three other players in 2008. While Bedard has been hampered by injuries, Jones and Sherrill

have flourished in Baltimore. Jones doubled and scored the only run Tuesday night on a sacrifice fly by Aubrey Huff off Jarrod Washburn (3-4) in the sixth inning. After Jim Johnson struck out two in a perfect eighth, Sherrill finished for his 11th save in 13 chances.

In other AL games it was, N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 2; Chicago White Sox 6, Oakland 2; and Baltimore 1, Seattle 0. □

NL Roundup

Oswalt, Lee carry Astros past Rockies in 4-1 win

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt had a season-high eight strikeouts and Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer as the Houston Astros snapped a four-game losing streak at home with a 4-1 win over the Colorado Rockies in the National League on Monday. Oswalt (2-2) improved to 7-1 in 10 career starts against Colorado. He allowed six hits and two walks in seven innings to match his longest outing of the season.

Todd Helton hit a solo homer for the Rockies, who've lost five of their last seven. They're 2-2 since Jim Tracy replaced Clint Hurdle as manager on Friday.

Aaron Cook (3-3) lost his second straight start, allowing nine hits in six innings.

Marlins 7, Brewers 4

At Miami, Hanley Ramirez and Jeremy Hermida had RBI singles in Florida's five-run sixth inning as the Marlins rallied to beat Milwaukee.

Jorge Cantu had two RBIs for Florida. Ramirez finished with three hits.

Eleven Marlins batted in the sixth, with the first eight reaching base safely. Jorge Julio (1-1) faced six batters and allowed five runs, four earned. He walked one and hit two batters.

Cristhian Martinez (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings to earn his first major league win. Matt Lindstrom pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 10th save in 12 opportunities.

At Pittsburgh, Andy LaRoche had three RBIs as Pittsburgh scored five runs in the eighth inning to beat New York.

Adam LaRoche and Jack Wilson had three hits apiece for Pittsburgh, which came back from a 5-0 deficit to win for only the second time in six games.

Wilson Valdez had two hits and a career-high three RBIs for the Mets, who fell to 22-2 when leading after seven innings. Jeremy Reed added two hits and scored two runs.

At St. Louis, Mike Lincoln and four other Cincinnati relievers allowed one earned run in eight innings as Cincinnati rallied to beat St. Louis.

Edinson Volquez left early in his first start since coming off the disabled list, Lincoln (1-0) gave up only Colby Rasmus' sixth homer in three innings of relief and Francisco Cordero worked the ninth for his 14th save in 14 chances and 28th in a row dating to last July.

Volquez left complaining of numbness in the pinky and ring finger of his pitching hand after allowing a run on two hits. He will be examined in Cincinnati on Tuesday. Volquez, a 17-game winner last year, had been on the disabled list with back spasms.

Phillies 5, Padres 3

At San Diego, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard hit consecutive home runs in the fifth inning as Philadelphia beat Adrian Gonzalez and San Diego.

Gonzalez hit his major league-leading 21st homer in the sixth inning, followed by Scott Hairston's shot that pulled the Padres to 4-3. The Phillies got an insurance run in the eighth when pinch-hitter Greg Dobbs doubled with one out and scored on Shane Victorino's two-out bloop double.

Hairston came up with one out in the ninth and Gonzalez on first, and flied out to left against Brad Lidge. Lidge got the final three outs for his 13th save in 17 chances.

Joe Blanton (4-3) won his third straight start, allowing three runs and six hits in seven innings.

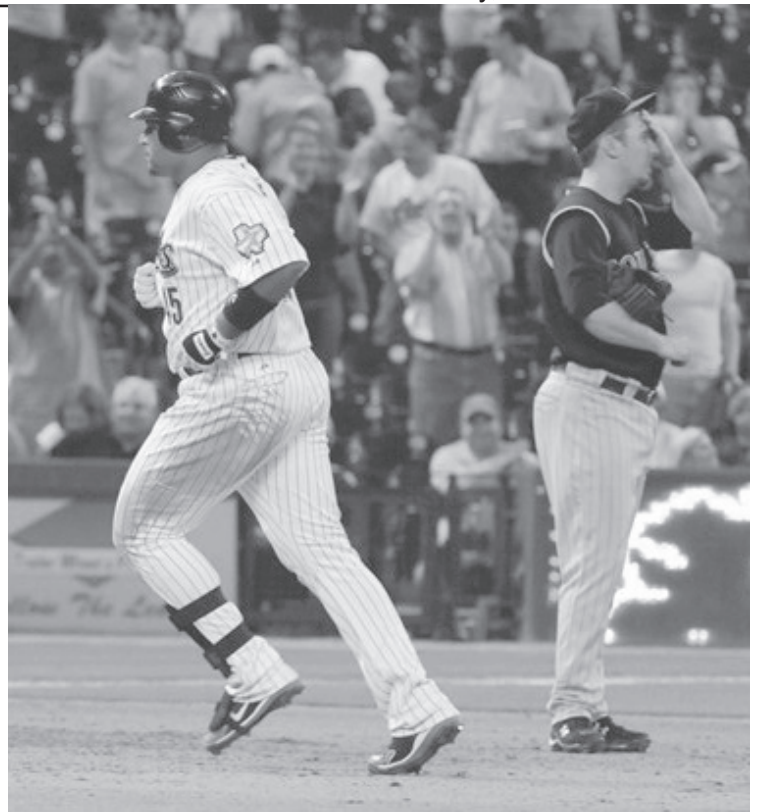
At Los Angeles, Billy Buckner threw six scoreless innings and rookie Josh Whitesell hit a two-run double to lead Arizona over Los Angeles.

Buckner (2-1) allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two. The right-hander, who began the season in the Diamondbacks' bullpen, has allowed six earned runs over 18 1-3 innings in three starts since being recalled May 22

from Triple-A Reno.

Tony Pena followed Clay Zavada and Juan Gutierrez out of the bullpen and gave up RBI singles in the ninth to Rafael Furcal and Juan Pierre before posting his first save of the season. Closer Chad Qualls was unavailable because of stiffness in his right forearm.

In other NL games it was; Pittsburgh 8, N.Y. Mets 5; Florida 7, Milwaukee 4; Houston 4, Colorado 1; Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3; Philadelphia 5, San Diego 3; and Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 2. □



Houston Astros' Carlos Lee (45) rounds the bases on a two-run homer as Colorado Rockies third baseman Garrett Atkins turns away in the sixth inning in a baseball game, Monday, June 1, 2009 in Houston.

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Borel is confident of ride into record book

RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Calvin Borel grinned at the question: Would Mine That Bird have passed Rachel Alexandra if the Preakness Stakes were 1½ miles?

"I have no comment," he said on Tuesday.

Borel has been all tangled up in the drama involving the two horses. And now because of it he has a chance to make history: The first jockey to capture the three legs of the U.S. Triple Crown on two horses.

Borel won the Kentucky Derby on 50-1 long shot Mine That Bird. When Rachel Alexandra entered the Preakness, Borel switched horses to the filly he had ridden to five straight victories. Rachel Alexandra then edged Mine That Bird to thwart the gelding's shot at a Triple Crown.

Now Rachel Alexandra is skipping the Belmont, and Borel is back aboard Mine That Bird for this week's Belmont Stakes.

Those twists and turns created the possibility of another kind of Triple Crown. Winning all



In this May 1, 2009 file photo, jockey Calvin Borel rides Rachel Alexandra to a victory in the Kentucky Oaks horse race at Churchill Downs Friday, May 1, 2009, in Louisville, Ky.

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three races in one year is what Borel has fantasized since he was a kid.

"I never dreamed I'd have to do it on a different horse," he said.

Borel was at Madison Square Garden, and not backing down from his guarantee of victory a day earlier.

"I'm sticking with it," he declared.

Just as he boasted about Rachel Alexandra before the

Preakness, Borel quickly shifted his proclamations to Mine That Bird. He said his latest prediction was natural after seeing how the gelding responded during Monday's workout at Churchill Downs.

"When you run them two races and come back so fresh like he did — I mean, he was bouncing," he said. "And that does not happen."

Borel, who won his first Kentucky Derby aboard Street Sense in 2007, will be making his first Belmont Stakes start. He plans to follow the same patient strategy that worked so well in the Derby, when Mine That Bird rallied from last to first.

"One reason we picked Calvin to ride the horse is he likes that style," trainer Chip Woolley said.

It's a style that may be a natural for the 1½-mile Belmont. The Derby is 1¼ miles (2,000 meters), the Preakness 1 3-16.

"The mile-and-a-half is a question for a lot of us," Dunkirk jockey John Velazquez said. "It seems suited for Mine That Bird better than everyone else." □

Sharapova loses at French, barely avoids shutout

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — The final score of Maria Sharapova's stunning loss in the French Open quarterfinals Tuesday did not look quite as embarrassing as it nearly did: Her opponent led 6-0, 5-0. That Sharapova saved a match point in the 12th game and wound up delaying her defeat for 15 minutes was of no consolation, of course. All that mattered was that her bid to complete a career Grand Slam this year ended when she was beaten 6-0, 6-2 by 20th-seeded Dominika Cibulkova.

"I don't really care about numbers. It's either a 'W' or an 'L,'" Sharapova said, "and I prefer 'W.'"

All of that time on court at the French Open, and all of that time away before it, finally caught up to her, resulting in her most lopsided loss at a major tournament.

"You can only ask your body to do so much," said Sharapova, who had right shoulder surgery in October and had played four three-set matches at Roland Garros in her first major tournament in nearly a year. "Everything fell a little short today. The pace wasn't there on my strokes, and, you know, I was five steps slower."

Her absence from the tour dropped her ranking outside the top 100. Still, as a former No. 1 and a three-time major champion, Sharapova was expected to beat Cibulkova, a 20-year-old Slovak who was making her Grand Slam quarterfinal debut and whose chief financial backer is not a shoe company or a racket manufacturer but, instead, a friend of her coach from back home in Bratislava.

Now the 5-foot-3 Cibulkova — 11 inches shorter than Sharapova — faces the current No. 1, Dinara Safina, who overcame a shaky start to defeat No. 9 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

"I'm not really happy with my game today," Safina said.

One might have thought Cibulkova would feel exactly the opposite about her own



Russia's Maria Sharapova serves the ball to Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova during their quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday June 2, 2009.

performance, but neither she nor her coach, Vladimir Platenik, thought she played perfectly. "Regular," was the word Platenik used when they huddled in the hallway outside the locker room at Court Suzanne Lenglen.

"I told you!" Platenik said. "I told you if you played regular, you could do it!"

Indeed, stranger things have happened at this tournament, not least was Robin Soderling's fourth-round upset of four-time defending champion Rafael Nadal. No one, save perhaps Soderling, thought he would stop Nadal's 31-match winning streak in Paris, and given that accomplishment, there should be no doubting how far the Swede can go.

The 23rd-seeded Soderling stretched his career-best winning streak to eight matches by easily handling two-time French Open semifinalist Nikolay Davydenko 6-1, 6-3, 6-1. Never before a Grand Slam semifinalist — or quarterfinalist or even fourth-round participant — Soderling will be a French Open finalist if he can beat No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile.

"I always knew that I could play really, really good tennis," Soderling said.

Gonzalez, the 2007 Australian Open runner-up, reached

his first semifinal at Roland Garros with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 victory over No. 3 Andy Murray.

Was Gonzalez surprised to have taken a set 6-0 from Murray?

"Playing Andy? I would have never dreamed it," Gonzalez said, "even playing table tennis."

Cibulkova had similar thoughts about Sharapova, and it showed at the end.

Far less experienced in these settings, Cibulkova was steady throughout. She made only

one unforced error in the first set and nine overall, 18 fewer than Sharapova. Cibulkova broke Sharapova's serve in the first game and — with the help of two double-faults — again in the third, and suddenly a pattern was established.

When Sharapova was late for a backhand and tried hitting the ball lefty, only to sail the shot wide, Cibulkova had won 11 of 11 games and would serve for the match. She got within a point of ending things, right then and there, when it hit her.

"I realized, like, 'What is happening? 6-0, 5-0 — it's too much, I think, against Maria,'" she said. "That's why maybe I missed the first match point."

She pushed a forehand long there to start a run of eight consecutive points for Sharapova, which allowed the Russian to break to 5-1 and hold for 5-2. Serving for the match a second time, Cibulkova saw three more match points go to waste: Sharapova would not go quietly, her strokes gaining their customary sting and her trademark shrieks rising in pitch and volume.

But on match point No. 5, Sharapova dumped a forehand into the net, and Cibulkova dropped her racket and fell on her back, leaving a rusty splotch on her white top.

"She made me hit a lot of balls. She was very solid. She did the right things, I mean, in order to win," Sharapova said. "She won. I guess that's what only matters in the end."

To Sharapova, maybe. To Cibulkova, every detail of the biggest victory of her career mattered.

Beaming afterward, Cibulkova wanted to hear Platenik describe what had just happened.

"How many match points did I have?" she asked her coach. "How many? Tell me!" □

BONDS

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The government filed its plea Monday with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal has delayed indefinitely the start of Bonds' trial.

In its filing, federal prosecutors said Illston erred by excluding the evidence because they can prove the connection to Bonds through his own grand jury testimony and through other witnesses.

"Bonds' grand jury testimony unequivocally established that as early as 2000, he started giving blood and urine samples to Anderson to deliver to BALCO for the sole purpose of having those samples tested," prosecutor Barbara Valliere wrote in the 64-page filing. Central to the government's appeal are three urine tests that tested positive. BALCO executive James Valente has testified that Anderson delivered the urine samples to him and identified them as belonging to Bonds.

Courts do generally exclude such statements

as "hearsay" if the speaker doesn't vouch for them. But there are several exceptions to those exclusions, including whether the disputed statement was uttered by an employee or agent of the suspect.

The trial court judge ruled Anderson didn't fall into that category because he received sporadic payments from Bonds that appeared to be gifts rather than salary.

Prosecutors disagreed and said Monday that Bonds paid Anderson \$15,000 a year and gave him a \$20,000 bonus after the slugger broke the single-season homer mark with 73 in 2001.

The government's court filing said records show Anderson "was at Bonds's beck and call nearly every day of the year. It was thus more than sufficient to establish that Anderson was acting as Bonds's 'servant' when he delivered the samples to BALCO."

Bonds' attorney Dennis Riordan didn't return a telephone call Monday. Bonds' written reply is due July 1. □

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Avistados destrozos de avión Air France

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - Aviones militares brasileños avistaron el martes restos del avión de Air France que desapareció cuando volaba sobre el océano Atlántico con 228 ocupantes, dijo el ministro de Defensa, Nelson Jobim.

Los restos se encontraron en una faja de 5 kilómetros a 1.200 kilómetros al noreste de la costa brasileña, sin indicación alguna que apunte a que hubo sobrevivientes, indicó Jobim.

La nave, un moderno Airbus 330-200 con 216 pasajeros y 12 tripulantes a bordo, desapareció de los radares cuatro horas después de despegar en la noche del domingo del aeropuerto internacional Tom Jobim de Río de Janeiro hacia París y tras atravesar por una zona de tormentas.

“Yo confirmo que los restos, los destrozos son del avión de Air France”, afirmó Jobim en una conferencia de prensa en Río, agregando que hasta la noche del martes no habían encontrado cuerpos.

El ministro, quien se reunió en un hotel de Río con familiares de brasileños que estaban en el vuelo AF 447, dijo que no había vestigios de las cajas negras del avión, que podrían dar indicios del considerado misterioso accidente.

“Las cajas negras no flotan, estamos en una región de 2.000 a 3.000 metros de profundidad”, agregó sobre el área en que se localizaron los restos y la gran dificultad en encontrarlos.

Las investigaciones del desastre estarán a cargo del Gobierno de Francia, porque la leyes internacionales determinan que sean hechas por



Aviones de la Marina Francesa arriban en una base militar en Natal, Brasil, 2 jun 2009. Aviones brasileños avistaron el martes restos de una aeronave en alta mar, que podrían ser del Airbus de Air France que desapareció en medio de una fuerte tormenta sobre el océano Atlántico con 228 personas a bordo. REUTERS/Paulo Whitaker

el país donde está registrada la aeronave siniestrada, agregó. La Fuerza Aérea Brasileña (FAB) dijo que un equipo de investigadores franceses ya llegó al país y contarán con el apoyo de Brasil en sus tareas. La FAB había informado antes que aeronaves C-130 avistaron restos de una aeronave en dos puntos a 60

kilómetros de distancia uno del otro, incluyendo un asiento de avión, pequeños pedazos blancos, una boya naranja y un tambor, además de vestigios de aceite y querosene. Los restos se ubicaron a 1.200 kilómetros al noreste de la ciudad brasileña de Recife, capital del estado de Pernambuco.

Tres naves de la Marina de Brasil que llegarán el miércoles al área recogerán los restos, dijo Jobim. Otros tres barcos mercantes ya se encuentran en el área y se incorporaron a la operación de búsqueda, agregó. El ministro puntualizó que la búsqueda visual con aeronaves continuará el miércoles. □

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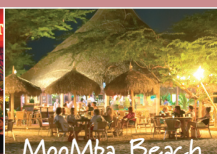
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